Statement

Details of the Vacant Posts

Sl . No.	Name of the post	No of vacant posts
1.	Deputy Registrar	3
2.	Assistant Registrar	3
3.	PS to Member	1
4.	SA to Chairperson	1
5.	Inspector	2
6.	Personal Assistant	6
7.	Steno Grade 'D'	7
8.	LDC	3
9.	Staff Car Driver	1
10.	Constable	2
	TOTAL :	29

Gang Engaged in Fake Credit Cards

817. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Delhi Police have nabbed a gang indulging in the making of fake credit cards;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far to protect the interest of credit card holders in the country from these gangsters?

†THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS : (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) Delhi Police arrested 3 persons connected with running a fake credit card manufacturing unit and, at their instance, recovered the equipment used for preparation of fake credit cards. The investigation made in the case revealed that the accused persons and their associates had made huge purchases in Delhi and other parts of the country with the help of fake credit cards.

(c) The Reserve Bank of India has advised all scheduled commercial banks to, *inter alia,* set up internal control systems to combat (a) obtaining of credit cards by fraudulent means at application stage; (b) misuse of lost/stolen cards and cards not received by genuine applicants. And (c) use of counterfeit and altered cards.

Kidnapping Cases

†818 SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 23504 cases of kidnapping have been registered throughout the country in 1998;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than one thousand cases of kidnapping were registered in each of the more than ten States during the year 1998; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking to prevent the incidents of kidnapping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Crime India-1998 report 23504 cases of kidnapping were registered throughout the country in 1998. However, the report had published the 1997 data of Orissa due to non-availability of data on account of cyclone in Orissa. Later the Orissa state sent its 1998 data and the figures of kidnapping were revised as 23520.

(b) Yes, Sir. Ten states reported more than one thousand cases of kidnapping during the year 1998. These states are Andhra Pradesh (1175), Assam (1471), Bihar (2758), Gujarat (1421), Madhya Pradesh (1107), Maharashtra (1132), Rajasthan (3066), Tamil Nadu (1193), Uttar Pradesh (4369) and Delhi (1333).

(c) 'Public order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention for improving administration of criminal justice system.

Providing Speed Governors to Vehicles in NCT

819. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.